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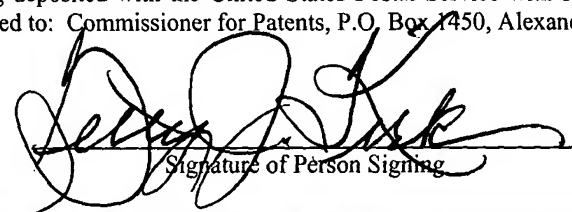
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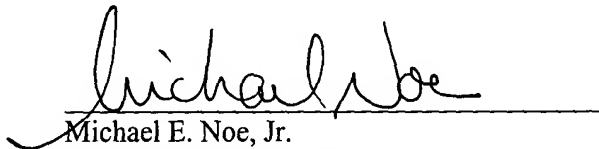
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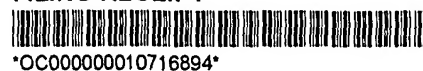
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Method and apparatus for cleaning a gas ✓

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLEANING A GAS

RELATED APPLICATIONS

[001] This application is a ~~continuation-in-part of~~ and claims benefit of priority of U.S. Patent Applications Serial No. 10/229,813, filed 6 August 2002, entitled *Method and Apparatus for Cleaning Gas* that is a continuation of Serial No. 09/900,828, filed 6 July 2001, entitled *Method and Apparatus for Cleaning Gas* issued 1 May 2002 as U.S. Patent 6,391,100 B1, both incorporated by reference herein.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[002] The present invention relates generally to the field of cleaning a gas and more particularly to a method and apparatus for removing particulate and absorbing selected gases from a gas stream by mixing a gas with a liquid to wet the particulates and absorb the selected gases to discharge a cleaned gas in an economical manner.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

[003] It is very often desirable to clean a gas stream of particulates and/or undesirable gases. It is sometimes desirable to remove particulates or selective gases for capture or disposal from a gas stream by absorption or mixing with a liquid. It is also becoming more desirable and popular to clean air in domestic settings, particularly the removal of spores, bacteria, and viruses due to the current biological threats by terrorists. Other domestic pollutants include, but are not limited to, allergens such as pollen, mites, pet dandruff, hair and dead skin and dust, and gases such as carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and other auto emissions.

[004] Several methods are currently used to clean or partially clean gases such as air in a domestic setting. Some of the most common methods of "cleaning air" are the utilization of filter systems, electrostatic devices, and venturi scrubbers. Filter systems require frequent